

Kentuckians Were Jap Prisoners Three Years

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 29—(P)—Among the American war veterans stationed at Nichols General Hospital here are five Kentuckians who were prisoners of the Japanese nearly three years after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor.

They include Cpl. Ray Morris, Covington; Cpl. Field M. Reed, Harrodsburg; S/Sgt. Paul Head, Owensboro; Sgt. Arthur Poynter, Cave City; and S/Sgt. Thomas J. Hudson, Manchester.

Cpl. Morris, 20, is the youngest member of the group and Sgt. Hudson, at 38, is the oldest.

The Kentucky veterans say they were beaten, starved and otherwise mistreated by the Japs.

"Quite a few of the men were beaten to death on work details," said Cpl. Reed, one of the 66 Mercer countians captured when Bataan and Corregidor fell.

The Kentuckians said they heard all sorts of rumors about the progress of the war during their imprisonment, but very little authentic news.

"We heard rumors about New York being bombed, Chicago being shelled by submarines, but we knew the Americans would be back," the Kentucky veterans said. "We knew it would be a long time, but we knew they'd come."

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